

## H. B. 316

## CHAPTER 176

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 287 OF THE PRIVATE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA OF 1891 SO AS TO ENLARGE THE JURISDICTION OF THE MAYOR'S COURT OF THE TOWN OF PILOT MOUNTAIN.

*The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:*

SECTION 1. That Section 12 of Chapter 287 of the Private Laws of the State of North Carolina of 1891 be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding after the words "an inferior court," in line two of said Section, the words "and as such shall be a court of record."

Ch. 287, Private Laws, 1891, relating to Mayor's Court, Pilot Mountain, amended.

SEC. 2. That Section 12 of Chapter 287 of the Private Laws of the State of North Carolina of 1891 be amended by adding at the end thereof new paragraphs to read as follows:

That should the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Pilot Mountain deem it advisable to appoint a Judge of the Mayor's Court of the Town of Pilot Mountain to act in the place of the mayor, the said Board of Commissioners of the Town of Pilot Mountain may appoint a judge of said court who may be a licensed attorney at law, who shall be of good moral character, and who shall serve for a term of two years and until his successor is elected and qualified. If the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Pilot Mountain deem it advisable to appoint an assistant judge of the Mayor's Court of the Town of Pilot Mountain to serve in the absence of the mayor or the judge, the said Board of Commissioners of the Town of Pilot Mountain may appoint an assistant judge of said court, who may be a licensed attorney at law, and who shall be of good moral character, and who shall serve for a period of two years and until his successor is appointed and qualified. Before entering upon the duties of their office as judge or assistant judge, they shall each take and subscribe an oath of office as is now provided by law for a justice of the peace and shall file the same with the clerk of the board of the town. The salary of the judge, or assistant judge, or mayor when acting as judge of the court, shall be determined and fixed in advance by the governing body of the town, and shall not be decreased during the term of their office, and shall be paid out of the general fund of the town: *Provided*, that the governing body of the town is hereby authorized to provide a schedule of fees to be charged by said mayor, judge or assistant judge. That said judge and assistant judge shall have the same powers and duties that the Mayor's Court has as presiding officer of the Mayor's Court of the Town of Pilot Mountain.

Appointment of Judge of Mayor's Court, Town of Pilot Mountain.

Appointment of assistant judge.

Oaths of office.

Salaries of court officials.